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SUBJECT: MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPON (MDW) BILATERALS

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1. IN RESPONSE TO KORNIYENKO PROPOSAL FOR MDW BILATERALS
(REFTEL), YOU SHOULD INFORM MFA AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL THAT
WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT PROPOSED JANUARY BILATERALS WOULD

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SERVE USEFUL PURPOSE. YOU MAY MAKE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL

POINTS:

-- WE REMAIN SKEPTICAL THAT THE SCOPE AND DETAIL OF THE NEW SOVIET APPROACH ADVOCATING BROAD PROHIBITION OF NEW WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT CAN BE ADEQUATELY DEFINED OR VERIFIED;

-- WE LISTENED TO SOVIET PRESENTATIONS ON MDW AT THE SUMMER CCD. WE ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE TO LISTEN TO SOVIET PRESENTATIONS OR TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL EXPLANATIONS OR REFINEMENTS OF THE SOVIET POSITION EITHER THROUGH OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW OR YOUR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON;

-- WE THINK THAT CONSIDERABLY MORE THINKING MUST BE DONE IN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON BEFORE AN APPROPRIATE APPROACH TO NEW MDW CAN BE DEVELOPED. WITHOUT SUCH REFINEMENT, IT IS HARD

FOR US TO CONTEMPLATE THE SCOPE AND CONTENT OF ANY MDW UNDERTAKING. FROM THE HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE, HOWEVER, WE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE TO THE EXTENT THAT THEIR SCOPE WAS PRECISELY DEFINED, THEIR COMMITMENTS EXACTLY DETAILED, AND THEIR VERIFICATION POSSIBILITIES WERE ADEQUATE. FROM THIS PERSPECTIVE, WE REAFFIRM OUR CONTINUED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER SOVIET SUGGESTIONS FOR LIMITATIONS ON, OR PROHIBITION OF, SPECIFIC WEAPONS OR WEAPONS CATEGORIES.
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